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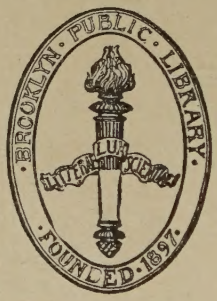

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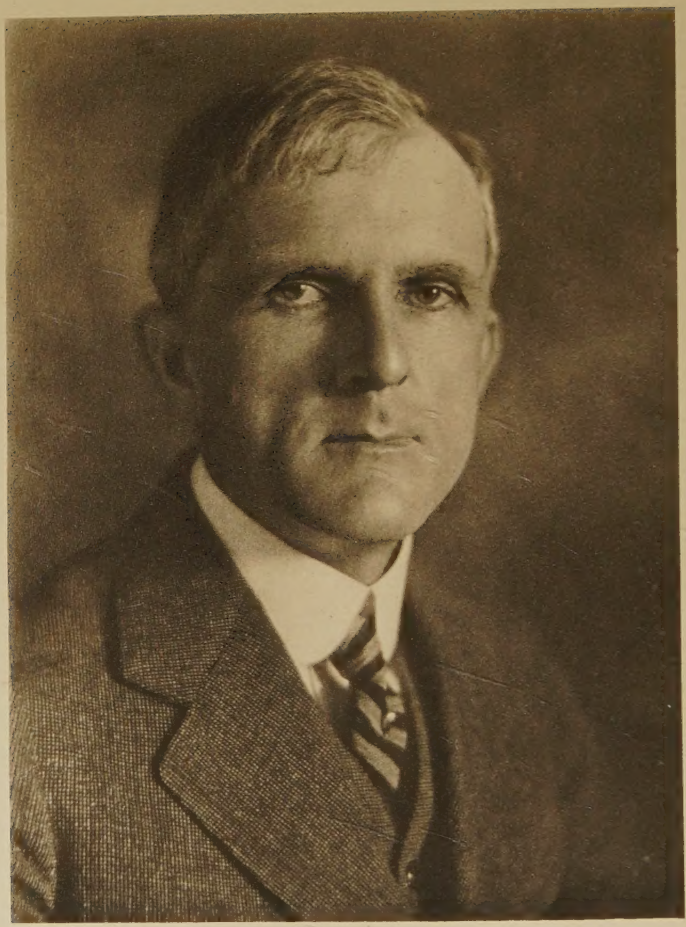

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Death of Hon. John Arthur Elston

Proceedings in the House of Representatives

FRIDAY, *December 16, 1921.*

Mr. KAHN. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound regret and deep sorrow that I desire to announce to my colleagues the passing of the late JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON, of Berkeley, Alameda County, the sixth district of California. At some future time I shall ask that a day be set aside for memorial exercises on his life, character, and public service. In the meantime I desire to offer the following resolutions.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the resolutions.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Hon. JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON, a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That a committee of 18 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions, and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect this House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the resolutions.

The resolutions were unanimously agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 11 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until Saturday, December 17, 1921, at 12 o'clock noon.

SATURDAY, *December 17, 1921.*

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints the following committee to attend the funeral of Mr. ELSTON:

Mr. Kahn, Mr. Raker, Mr. Curry, Mr. Nolan, Mr. Lea of California, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Barbour, Mr. Free, Mr. Lineberger, Mr. Swing, Mr. Montague, Mr. Wingo, Mr. Kincheloe, Mr. McArthur, Mr. McClintic, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Michener, and Mr. Webster.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Craven, its Chief Clerk, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON, late a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That a committee of eight Senators be appointed by the Vice President, to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to attend the funeral of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives, and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative the Senate do now adjourn.

Also, that the Vice President had appointed, under the second resolution, Mr. Shortridge, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lenroot, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Stanfield, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Walsh of Montana, and Mr. Pittman.

THURSDAY, *June 1, 1922.*

Mr. BARBOUR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Sunday, June 25, 1922, be designated as the day for exercises in memory of the late Congressman JOHN A. ELSTON.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from California asks unanimous consent that Sunday, June 25, 1922, be set aside for memorial exercises for the late Representative JOHN A. ELSTON. Is there objection?

There was no objection.

SUNDAY, *June 25, 1922.*

The House met at 12 o'clock noon and was called to order by Mr. Curry as Speaker pro tempore.

Rev. Page Milburn, of Washington, D. C., offered the following prayer:

We come to Thy presence, almighty, everlasting, all-knowing, and all-loving God, worshiping Thee

with our hearts, our lips, and our lives. We thank Thee for those who laid the foundations of our Government, pledging their lives, their property, and their sacred honor. We thank Thee for those who have built upon those foundations. Some are living to-day, still devoted to the service of country and of people. Some have passed away, leaving their work behind them. In memory of them we meet to-day. May we be as patriotic, as thoroughgoing, as true, as strong, as active as they, and may the days that are to come see the faith and glory of God, and the progress of this Nation in all good things. Bless those who sit in loneliness and sadness to-day. Keep us day by day by Thy grace and power. Help us to be true men, in courage living lives of honor, truth, and purity, and at last in heaven save each and every one of us with an everlasting salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mr. BARBOUR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the Journal be deferred until to-morrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. If there is no objection it will be so ordered. The Clerk will report the special order for to-day.

The Clerk read as follows:

On motion of Mr. Barbour, by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That Sunday, June 25, 1922, be set apart for addresses on the life, character, and public services of Hon. JOHN A. ELSTON, late a Representative from the sixth district of the State of California.

Mr. BARBOUR. Mr. Speaker, I offer the following resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California offers the resolution which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the business of the House be now suspended that opportunity may be given for tributes to the memory of Hon. JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON, late a Member of this House from the State of California.

Resolved, That as a particular mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, and in recognition of his distinguished public career, the House, at the conclusion of these exercises, shall stand adjourned.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate.

Resolved, That the Clerk send a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

Address by Representative Kahn

Of California

Mr. BARBOUR. Mr. Speaker, Hon. Julius Kahn, of California, who is absent from the city, has prepared and sent to me an address which he would deliver if he were present. I ask unanimous consent that it be read by the Clerk and printed in the Record.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. If there is no objection, the Clerk will read the address of Mr. Kahn.

The Clerk read the address of Mr. Kahn, as follows:

Mr. SPEAKER: To pay tribute to the memory of JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON is a sad privilege, but not a difficult task. There is so much to be said in praise of him that choice of matter taxes judgment. If I were to search out, however, the outstanding characteristic of our departed friend's nature, I would emphasize his kindliness. This beautiful quality enveloped him as a mantle and was sufficiently ample to embrace mankind. His was always the open heart and the open hand, and both showered lavishly their gifts upon all that stood in need.

> For his bounty,
> There was no winter in't;
> An autumn 'twas that grew the more by reaping.

This disposition was an attribute that marked his course not only in the close realm of the family

or in the larger circle of friends; it found an outlet also in the wider sphere of public activities. He was a philanthropist in the best sense of that somewhat overworked and much-abused term, for his interest in betterment of every kind extended not merely to individuals but to communities and to the future of his beloved native State. It showed itself, as an outstanding example, in his solicitude for the conservation of national parks. He labored earnestly and unceasingly for the improvement and the maintenance of those wonderful monuments of nature—the Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks. Those great spaces, a never-failing delight to the traveler, owe much to his watchful care and intelligent labor.

Mr. ELSTON was in his best years when the grim reaper overtook him. He had graduated with honors from the University of California, and almost immediately acquired an extensive and lucrative legal practice. He was an exceptionally fine student, delving deeply in every subject that engaged his attention.

In his public career we see him as executive secretary to the Governor of California; as a member of the board of trustees of the State institution for the deaf and blind; as a Regent of the Smithsonian Institution; and, finally, as a Representative in Congress. He served on a number of committees during his seven years as a Member of this House, and wherever he was placed his painstaking diligence, excellent judgment, and fine legal mind made him eminently useful.

The review of his public labors, however, has been performed so fully by others, Mr. Speaker, that I shall content myself with but a few more words touching the pleasing personality of our friend and colleague.

> His heart was one of those which most enamor us—
> Wax to receive, and marble to retain.

His generosity was boundless, limited only by his means. The necessities of others were always set ahead of his own. His striving for the better and higher gradually led him to a contemplative view of the hereafter. He so shaped his life that it bore fruit from the seed he sowed. Encompassing with his life all that stood close to him, brightening with his gentleness the lives of all whom he touched, his epitaph will be written in the loving memory of thousands.

> There is no death—the thing that we call death
> Is but another, sadder name for life,
> Which is itself an insufficient name,
> Faint recognition of that unknown Life—
> That Power whose shadow is the Universe.

Mr. LINEBERGER. Mr. Speaker, my colleague, Hon. Henry Z. Osborne, Representative from the tenth district of California, is ill and in the hospital. If he were here to-day he would pay a fitting tribute to our departed friend and colleague.

Mr. BARBOUR. Mr. Speaker, I have been requested to announce that Representative John I. Nolan, of California, is unable to be present to-day, on account of illness.

Address by Representative Raker

Of California

Mr. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE: It was my pleasure to know personally and well our late colleague, JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON. I knew him shortly after he left the University of California, at which great institution he graduated with high honors. He was shortly thereafter admitted to the Supreme Court of the State of California and at once entered upon the active practice of the law. In that practice Mr. ELSTON's ability, persistency, capability, honesty, reliability, and desire to work in his chosen profession soon evidenced themselves, so that he was in a position to gather around him a large clientele of men and women who depended upon his judgment and ability. A short time afterwards Mr. ELSTON was appointed executive secretary of the then Governor of California, Mr. Pardee, and ELSTON performed the responsible duties of that position with success and credit to himself, and was of great assistance to the governor and consequently to the people of the State of California. Then Mr. ELSTON again took up the practice of the law. He soon became interested in all the matters in the community in which he lived in and about the Bay of San Francisco, particularly in the city of Berkeley, where he afterwards established a wide and honorable reputation. He joined a partnership and became not only in the law but in financial matters interested with one of the

largest institutions of that city, the First National Bank of Berkeley, whose attorney he became, and eventually one of its guiding directors. In all of these matters Mr. ELSTON was successful.

At a fairly early age he married the daughter of one of the professors of the university, a most charming and lovable woman, and that union brought forth three children, who, with their mother, mourn his early departure. Mrs. Elston was of great and lasting help to Mr. ELSTON in his career.

I became acquainted with Mr. ELSTON in his congressional work upon his entry into the Sixty-fourth Congress, and from my personal knowledge of his character and work I want to say that the State of California had no better, more loyal and faithful worker than our departed colleague. The people of his State will miss his services. Many of her institutions will miss his sympathetic aid. He had a deep interest in anything that advanced the State of California. He had a deeper interest in anything that advanced humanity generally and that was of benefit to the country of which he was a native citizen.

Our colleague was an American not only by birth but by spirit, thought and word, and deed, believing in and carrying out the principles of this Government and the things for which it stands. He wanted to see the great historic landmarks of California perpetuated and her early institutions preserved so that they might be familiar to the present and coming generations. He assisted in every way in upbuilding and preserving those

relics. He was very conscientious and earnest in his work for conservation, in building up our national parks, conserving our water supply, and preventing the floods of our rivers from destroying property.

There was no better friend in the House of Representatives during our late colleague's activities on behalf of those much abused but neglected Indians of our State who ought to have had and really need care, assistance, and encouragement. JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON was their friend. He gave of his ability and work in assisting them in attempting to secure the rights that honestly, fully, and fairly belonged to them. I have felt, and these people have felt, and their friends have felt, the untimely loss of our colleague and his early leaving them without his aid and assistance. Mr. ELSTON was a loyal friend. He was a conscientious legislator. He was a man of splendid ability. He realized the value of a friend, and fully appreciated the responsibilities of a public official, and, to my estimate and judgment of him, he tried at all times to meet up with what every public official ought to do, looking always forward and never backward, for the purpose of the general development, better conditions, and better opportunities for those who still remain. The family will miss him and his place can not be supplied. The city of Berkeley will mourn his loss and the State of California has lost a true and trusted and tried friend; the Nation has lost one of its best legislators and faithful servants.

Address by Representative Lea

Of California

Mr. SPEAKER: When our friend and colleague, JOHN A. ELSTON, passed from this life he left in the membership of this House a universal feeling of loss. As a friend and associate of Mr. ELSTON from his State, I felt that loss personal. In my acquaintance I knew him as a congenial, sincere, and unselfish friend. I appreciated him as a Representative in Congress. Having a more or less intimate knowledge of his high motives and useful service here, I felt his passing was a loss to our State and country.

Mr. ELSTON was a modest man. Though he had been many years in public life, he had nothing of that cunning insincerity that in popular opinion is associated with the name "politician." He was broad in his conception of duty and opportunity. He had an ideal and standard of public service that far removed him from the career of the mere timeserver and that made repugnant to him a slavish adherence to merely partisan movements. He brought to the membership of this House a clean mind, keen in its perceptions, a self-relying thoughtfulness, a modest courage, and a progressive purpose that has made his career one of honor to himself and of usefulness and fidelity to his State and country.

As his years of membership increased, so too did his experience, his responsibility, and his

usefulness. As the sphere of his action and influence broadened his duties multiplied, and the more he was known and trusted the more increasingly and implicitly he enjoyed the regard, confidence, and the affection of his fellow Members. He assumed positions of responsibility in which he proved his initiative and good judgment.

From the day of his entrance into Congress until the hour when fate removed him he never lost but steadily gained in the friendship, respect, and affection of our Members. In the hour of his greatest usefulness, while seemingly many years of happiness and opportunity belonged to him, the end came, and the account of his life was closed. The balance sheet has been struck, and none will deny that Mr. ELSTON left behind him a memory of kindness, of service, of fidelity to duty that has earned the affectionate memory of friends, the love of kindred, and the gratitude of the people of his State.

Our common sense and experience, aided by the scientific inventions of man, have enabled us to accurately ascertain the weight, value, and the quality of nearly all things earthly. But the genius of man has been unable to accurately measure the worth, value, and service of a human being. We may know definitely of man's good deeds and his service, but their value can never be defined or limited. A life of service excites our approval and our praise, but who has the temerity to definitely place the limit of its value?

Some one has said that no one knows how far a little light burning in the darkness may cast its

rays. No one knows how far and how unending may be the influence of a cheerful word, an encouraging thought, a faithful service, or of an inspiring deed. All are conscious of these things. Where is the man or woman so devoid of susceptibility, appreciation, and inspiration that they can not recount simple inspiring words or deeds of others that have contributed to their own development of character, moral uprightness, happiness, and material success? Happily for civilization the upbuilding influence thus set in motion gains momentum and moves along from year to year, from person to person, and from generation to generation. Countless numbers may be unconsciously blessed by the inspiring action, the memory of which has long passed away.

The most humble of men, depressed by the thought of how little he may bring into the world to make it better and happier, may yet find hope and inspiration in the thought that to everyone is given the opportunity to be the author of those kindly ministrations from which others may find renewed hope, inspiration, and useful service of unmeasured and unending value.

The work of Congress to the individual Member is largely without those concrete results that give man a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction that can not be quite equaled otherwise. Our Member of greatest ability and fidelity is only one of 435 Members. His contribution to the work of Congress, to legislation, and to the attainment of the purposes and ideals of the Republic are merged in the aggregate results of our labors.

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None are so necessary, so important, or so powerful but that they may pass out of our portals to-day, and to-morrow the great machinery of government moves on, giving little or no indication of the change or of its loss.

It is well that such is true. Ill fortune, indeed, would it be if the passing of an individual should long remain a calamity to our country or mar its progress.

The ambitious may serve here, and in the hour of success, I doubt not, even our greatest and most worthy statesmen have been keenly conscious of failing to make that contribution to the welfare of their country to which their industry, their patriotism, and their genius disposed them.

In this great legislative body, composed of representatives of 110,000,000 people, there is yet no better test of service than the Savior applied when He said, "She hath done what she could." For him upon whom that praise can be bestowed there can be no higher reward.

In his service here, in committee room, in his association with our membership, in his votes, and on the floor of this House, Mr. ELSTON earned that commendation.

The humblest of Members sent here to represent the people of the Nation acts in a position of great responsibility and opportunity. His votes contribute to the weal or woe of the Nation. His wisdom or his folly or his fidelity or his faithlessness, his independence or his subservience, his courage or his cowardice, is transmitted into laws of the

land and the administration of the Government. When his personal or political welfare is in conflict with the interests of the State, whose interest shall he sacrifice—his own or his country's? Then, who will minimize the Member's task?

Mr. Elston met that task. His service was never ostentatious, but always useful, worthy, and intelligent.

Address by Representative Barbour

Of California

Mr. SPEAKER: We have met to-day in honor of the memory of our late colleague, JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON, of California. Congressman ELSTON was truly a high type of American citizen and a splendid specimen of western manhood. Born in California, the son of Allen Mandeville and Florence Elliott Elston, he there reached man's estate, and during his entire lifetime California was his home. He was educated at Hesperian College, of which his father was president, and later at the University of California. Always a lover of nature and the great outdoors, he imbibed the spirit of broad-minded toleration that ever characterized his associations with his fellow men.

He was a student and the search for knowledge held for him a fascination. As a member of the legal profession his power of deduction, his clear analytical thinking, his logic, placed him in the front rank.

JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON occupied a prominent place in the public life of his State. As executive secretary of Gov. George C. Pardee he performed the duties of that responsible office with marked ability. His responsibilities as a citizen and his civic duties were met and performed with courage, efficiency, and generosity.

Four times he was honored by the people of his district by being chosen as their Representative in

the Congress of the United States. As a legislator he was honest, courageous, and independent. In matters of legislation the human element was never overlooked, and he was always an advocate of laws which improved the conditions of men and tended to create for humanity higher standards and higher ideals.

I can not forget his generosity to me when I was first elected to Congress. Though we were strangers, he wrote to me offering his assistance and advice. I came to know him as a friend before I had made his acquaintance. I did not hesitate to seek his aid, and to me he was a real colleague. During our service in this House he was ever helpful, and his kindly interest in my problems and his generous cooperation in their solution caused a realization of the fact that he was a true friend in every sense of the word.

In politics JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON always stood for the better things. He deplored conditions which gave power and control to the few at the expense of the many. He believed that the people were fully capable of selecting their own candidates, electing their own officials, and administering their own Government. Always a stanch advocate of clean politics, he knew no political boss and recognized fealty only to the people.

He was a delightful companion. His keen intellect, ready wit, and well-timed humor, his happy manner of expression, insured him a welcome in any company. His companionship was sought by his colleagues and friends, and his fund of information enlightened any conversation. A ready

controversialist, an ardent advocate, he bore no animosities, but always entertained the friendliest feelings for an opponent and recognized fully the right of anyone to hold a contrary opinion.

Those who knew Congressman ELSTON realize that in his passing they have lost a true friend, and they wish for him eternal happiness in the world beyond.

Address by Representative Free

Of California

Mr. SPEAKER: Death is always enshrouded in mystery, but in the death of Mr. ELSTON it is doubly enshrouded in mystery. He attained success in all his undertakings that had come to him. Loved and respected by all, yet by a trick of fate his life was ended. May we therefore ask—

> What is life? A sigh, a tear,
> A something working dark and drear;
> A flash of joy, an hour of woe,
> A thought of happiness, when, lo,
> The messenger of death draws nigh,
> His finger pointed to the sky;
> It gently falls, glides over hearts;
> The curtain falls; we've played our parts.

And so it was with our late colleague. To the wife and children who were left behind it is hard to bear, but let them remember that those who knew him will always remember him as a dutiful husband, a loving father, a conscientious citizen, a faithful and respected public servant.

Death is always hard to explain. Down through the centuries scholars have written, scientists have endeavored to explain, and religious teachers have tried to ease off the terror of death, and yet out of the darkness, out of our memory simply comes the thought that somehow, some day, we will understand; that out of the grief and sorrow and tragedy of life, out of the pains of the stricken minds and

hearts, have arisen great thoughts and great deeds of this world. And I think we may well say that somehow the eyes that have been washed with tears come to have a clearer vision of the beauty of holiness and of service and of God. To those of us who knew JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON well I believe we can feel and say that—

His sun went down in the morning,
While all was fair and bright,
But it was not an eclipse of darkness
That hid him from our sight,
For the valley of death was brighter
Than the hills of the life he trod,
And the peace that fell on his spirit
Was the calm, deep peace of God.
His sun went down in the morning,
While all was fair and bright,
But it shines to-day on the hills far away
In the land that knows no night.

Address by Representative Swing

Of California

Mr. SPEAKER: I am unwilling to allow this occasion to pass without saying a few words in memory of him whom I am proud to have called my friend.

JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON commanded the respect and esteem of all who knew him. On first impression his retiring disposition, his quiet and unassuming manner attracted little attention, but on further acquaintance one came to a fuller realization of his many sterling qualities which in any community and in any body of men won him a place among its leaders. He was highly educated, a lover of art and nature, but above all he was a lover of his home and his family, which were always his first concern, and of whom he was justly proud. He was, in every sense of the word, an honorable and refined gentleman. No act in his whole life could be justly made the foundation of any criticism whatsoever. He did no man a wrong, but on the contrary his life was one of labor and effort in behalf of others. He possessed a high sense of duty and gave to the people of his district and of the Nation a loyal and patriotic service. He sought no public honors, but his intrinsic merit and worth marked him as the man who was best capable of representing his district, and so his neighbors drafted him and sent him here, where he served with honor to them and to himself, and

where he could have continued to serve as long as he desired.

However, some phases of public life were not to his liking. He was sensitive by nature, and being himself kindly and sympathetic he expected the same of others. Although he saw much of public life, he never became reconciled to that seemingly necessary incident of public service, the ordinary, everyday criticisms that come to all public officials, and which, like the rain, falls on the just and the unjust alike.

He possessed a mind of extraordinary ability. It worked incessantly and at lightning speed, and the regret is that nature did not see fit to endow it with a stronger body, better able to nourish and support it. Notwithstanding his physical frailty, he continued always to give to his work unselfishly of all that he possessed. His life was a life of service and endeavor for others.

No man in this House ever tried more conscientiously to represent his constituents, more worthily to perform his duties, or more faithfully to discharge his trust than JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON. It is fitting that his place has not yet been filled, and among his friends it can never be filled by another.

Address by Representative Lineberger

Of California

Mr. SPEAKER: The fitting tributes which have been paid here to-day to our late colleague and friend are, unfortunately, those which only mere words can utter, but down in the hearts not only of the California delegation but of every Member of this House there is a deeper tribute to which words can never adequately give expression. Upon my arrival in Washington as a Member of the Sixty-seventh Congress it was my honor and great pleasure to soon form the acquaintance of our friend, JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON. His sympathetic nature, his kindly word, his attitude of tolerance toward all mankind soon endeared him to me. His offers of assistance, his suggestions, were of no mean value in those first days which every new Member has to experience, and so it was that in the course of his public career he never lost sight of those human and homely qualities which are not only the essence of good-fellowship but are the marks of highest statesmanship.

Our friend, as has been said here to-day, was taken from us in the prime of life and in the prime of achievement. In leaving us as he did we recognize that that great problem of death, to which my colleague, Mr. Free, has referred, remains to us an insoluble mystery. We miss him, the country, the State, the community which he served miss him. The wife and the beautiful children whom he left

behind will miss him now and will miss him more in years to come. However, Mr. Speaker, our colleague has left behind imperishable memories, to be cherished in the recollection of those who knew him. It may be truly said of him that to know him was to love him, and when he passed from this mortal sphere to life everlasting, his going served to remind those who have remained that the achievements of this world are insignificant, provided we may leave behind us memories and friendships which will live forever hereafter.

The little grain of sand on the ocean beach is small in the universe. So it is that the life of the individual seems to be an infinitesimal part in that great scheme which the Divine hand has devised. But, as our friend ELSTON so fittingly exemplified, each of us should aspire to leave behind us footprints on the sands of time which will remind those who come after that the real achievements of life are not the ones to which the public generally gives credit and consideration during our lifetime. It is only when the proper perspective is gained of man's life and character that his real worth is known. So it is that our friend in passing from life unto death has caused us to reflect back on those worthy qualities which have been so fittingly eulogized here to-day. Mr. Speaker, truly I can say that I feel it was a great honor and a great privilege to have been the friend of JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON.

Address by Representative Doughton

Of North Carolina

Mr. SPEAKER: Though my acquaintance with Representative JOHN A. ELSTON, of the sixth district of California, was somewhat limited, he coming from the extreme southwestern and I from the extreme southeastern part of our country, it is a happy thing that personal friendship is not confined to any one section of our country, but is often nation-wide.

Mr. ELSTON impressed me as a man of great ability, untiring energy, and high personal character. He had filled many positions of public trust in his home State, and filled them so well that he was called to a wider field of usefulness—that of national lawmaker. In this field of labor he served so acceptably that he was reelected three times in succession. He was devoted to the interest of his district and State and served them faithfully and well. He had the respect and admiration of all who knew him. Well had he earned the rest that awaited him when the end came.

Address by Representative Michener

Of Michigan

Mr. SPEAKER: It was my privilege and my honor to be among the acquaintances and friends of the late lamented Congressman JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON, and I would be doing violence to the memory of that friendship did I not on this occasion pay my tribute of love and respect. Once more death has entered our ranks, found a shining mark, and with relentless stroke quenched the activities of a busy and useful life. In the flower of his manhood his passing was, indeed, untimely. He was a man of true nobility of soul, of fine intellect, character, and ability; a man of strong and true convictions; a man who believed above all in his country. He was a typical native son of the Golden Gate State. He loved his far-off home in the westland, and never tired of telling of the virtues of the State of his birth. His patriotism was unbounded; he believed in America and in American ideals. He was an honor to his family, to his home, to his State, and to his Nation.

There was nothing of the sham about him; he abhorred hypocrisy; he accomplished results without ostentation. He found recreation, entertainment, and pleasure in outdoor life; he loved to get close to nature. The hills, the valleys, the streams, the mountains, all were majestic to him. He was a great reader, a natural student from childhood. and therefore acquired and retained a wealth of

information; he was truly an educated gentleman of the highest type. He will be missed by all who knew him, and his friends were numbered by his acquaintances.

I first met Mr. ELSTON in the closing days of the Sixty-fifth Congress. I was attracted to him by his splendid personality and his courteous manner. He talked about things worth while—always good company, ever instructive. His word was always cheery, his presence always radiated a warmth of good fellowship; he was an optimist. I saw him last on the Sunday preceding his death. He was in his usual good spirits, talked of his home and his family as usual, and I can not and never will understand why his death.

I was one of the party of Senators and Representatives accompanying the funeral party from the city of Washington to Berkeley, Calif. I read from the editorial columns of Mr. ELSTON'S home newspapers most commendatory mention of his life and character, of his unerring integrity, and of the position he held in the hearts of the home folks. I viewed the gathering of his sorrowing friends and neighbors, I beheld the wealth of floral tributes; I knew that I had not misjudged the man, and realized the more that while the Nation had lost a wise legislator and the State a distinguished son, the community had lost an energetic, patriotic, and respected citizen, and the common folks had lost a real friend.

Address by Representative Bixler

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. SPEAKER: It was not my privilege to have personal acquaintance with Mr. ELSTON until the beginning of this Congress. I might say I remember him as being one of the first to greet and welcome me to the House on my arrival here. I shall never forget his warm cordiality and open-heartedness, his ever willingness to aid and assist, his kindly suggestions and wise counsel. I soon found he was a man of sterling qualities, loyal and devoted in his friendships, faithful and active in his political duties. He despised sham, and on the other hand respected and admired ability and honesty of purpose. He has answered the last roll call. He has been gathered to his fathers. Those with whom he served so faithfully, so honestly, so devotedly will ever cherish his memory. The good-by here is good morning there and the night somewhere else a dawn.

Address by Delegate Sutherland

Of Alaska

Mr. SPEAKER: Under the permission granted me to extend remarks on the life and character of Representative ELSTON, I desire to state that my remembrance of him is firmly fixed by reason of his uniform courtesy to all Members. Mr. ELSTON was never preoccupied to the extent of omitting to salute his acquaintances in his dignified, gentlemanly manner.

I often wondered if he knew each and every Member of Congress by name.

I did not have the honor and pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with him; in fact, our social intercourse consisted simply of an informal introduction, but I shall always remember that from my first day in Congress he knew me, and a friendship, such as is understood by those who greet each other from day to day for a period of time, developed.

Mr. ELSTON has passed on, and I shall always think of him as my friend who every day bade me good morning in his kindly, courteous, non-effusive way.

Mr. Raker took the chair as Speaker pro tempore.

Address by Representative Curry

Of California

Mr. SPEAKER: To all earthly things there is a beginning and to all an end, save only man; the flesh withers and turns to dust but the soul lives on.

The morning-glory lifts its head from dark sleep at dawn, follows the course of the sun, smiling happily on all of nature, till evening comes to find it drooping to slumber once again. So it is with man, and if it is in another sphere he awakens on the morrow it is a better sphere.

JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON was born February 10, 1874, at Woodland, Calif., and died in the city of Washington, December 15, 1921. He was the son of the Rev. Allen Mandeville and Florence (Elliott) Elston, and lived his youth in the broad valley of the Sacramento under the shadows of the majestic mountains of the Coast Range and the imposing and inspiring snow-capped Sierra Nevadas.

In 1892 he graduated from Hesperian College, at Woodland, of which his father was president, and in 1897 graduated from the University of California and started the practice of law in Berkeley, the city of his alma mater.

A student by nature and a friend of his fellow man by inclination, his abilities and charm of manner commanded the attention of that great Californian, Dr. George C. Pardee, and upon his elevation to the governorship of the State in 1903 he prevailed upon the young and brilliant attorney

to accompany him to Sacramento as executive secretary to the governor.

During this period of four years he met all of the leaders of thought and action in California, and came to be held in high esteem throughout the State for the diligence and distinguished ability he displayed in the performance of his duties.

Upon completion of this public service he again took up the practice of law, succeeding in his chosen profession far beyond the success that is usual to men of his years in this most distinguished of professions.

From 1911 to 1914 he was a member of the board of trustees of the State Institution for the Deaf and Blind and did splendid humanitarian service for the promotion of the material welfare and practical educational development of the unfortunates in the institution.

Upon the insistence of the people of his district he became a candidate for the office of Representative in Congress from the sixth California district and was elected by a large majority to the Sixty-fourth Congress and reelected to the Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, and Sixty-seventh Congresses.

In 1919 he was appointed Regent of the Smithsonian Institution.

As a Member of Congress you, my colleagues, knew him well, and all came to love him as I have known and loved him for years, and now revere his memory.

He served his district, his State, and his Nation honorably and well, considering never personal aggrandizement or advantage, having wholly and

solely in mind the happiness, advancement, and welfare of the people. He typified the highest and noblest conception of devotion to the public service.

Sorrowfully we number him with the departed and remember with grief that can never be assuaged ARTHUR ELSTON the gentleman, the manly fellow, the studious scholar, the able patriot, the diligent servant of the people, the erudite lawyer, and the lovable friend whom we may see no more on this earthly sphere.

The reputation of the Congress of the United States as an institution, ennobled by the traditional ability and integrity of the great and noble men now gone who have served here as Members of the House of Representatives, is enriched by the memory of JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON, of California. The empire Commonwealth of California, that has given so many illustrious men to the Nation, engraves his name affectionately on its scroll of honor.

His venerable father, his saintly mother, his bereaved brother and sister, his beloved widowed wife and orphaned children have the affectionate sympathy of the Congress that feels mutually with them a great personal loss.

Mr. Curry resumed the chair as Speaker pro tempore.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, Members will be granted leave to extend their remarks in the Record on the life, character, and

public services of our deceased Member, JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON. And now, in accordance with the resolution heretofore adopted, the House will stand adjourned until 12 o'clock noon to-morrow.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 56 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until Monday, June 26, 1922, at 12 o'clock noon.

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FRIDAY, *December 16, 1921.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Overhue, its enrolling clerk, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON, late a Representative from the State of California, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

Mr. SHORTRIDGE. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate the resolutions just received from the House of Representatives.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair lays before the Senate the resolutions of the House, which will be read.

The Assistant Secretary read the resolutions, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Hon. JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON, a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That a committee of 18 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions, and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect this House do now adjourn.

Mr. SHORTRIDGE. Mr. President, I submit the resolutions which I send to the desk and ask for their adoption.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The resolutions will be read.

The resolutions (S. Res. 197) were read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JOHN ARTHUR ELSTON, late a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That a committee of eight Senators be appointed by the Vice President, to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to attend the funeral of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives, and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The Vice President appointed as the committee under the second resolution, Mr. Shortridge, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lenroot, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Stanfield, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Walsh of Montana, and Mr. Pittman.

Mr. SHORTRIDGE. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 5 o'clock p. m.) the Senate adjourned, the adjournment being under the order previously made, until Monday, December 19, 1921, at 12 o'clock meridian.

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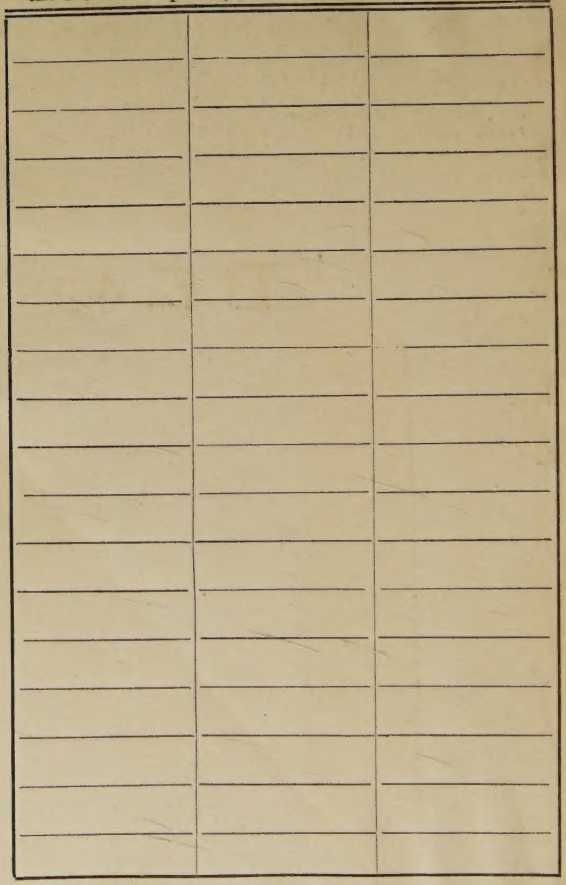

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